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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY VICTORIA  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
USLO PEKING  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG

S E C R E T STATE 139015

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SE, UR, IR

SUBJECT: COUP IN SEYCHELLES

REF: A) TEHRAN 5120(NOTAL); B) STATE 135396 (NOTAL)

1. ITEM IN CURRENT FOREIGN RELATIONS  
ISSUE NO. 23 PROVIDES BASICBACKGROUND ON SEYCHELLES COUP  
WHICH YOU MAY DRAW ON AS NECESSARY IN DISCUSSION WITH  
SHAH EXCEPT RPT EXCEPT FOR LAST SENTENCE. IF SHAH ASKS  
SPECIFICALLY ABOUT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT, YOU MAY DRAW ON  
REFTEL B (BEING REPEATED TO YOU), WHICH RESPONDED TO  
AMCONGEN HONG KONG REPORT THAT LOCAL PRO-PRC PRESS WAS  
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HIGHLIGHTING CHARGES BY DEPOSED PRESIDENT MANCHAM THAT  
COUP WAS SOVIET-INSPIRED.

2. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM SHAH THAT WE ARE MAINTAINING  
NORMAL RELATIONS WITH NEW SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT, AS ARE  
BRITISH AND FRENCH.

3. FYI - WE UNDERSTAND THAT MANCHAM MAY HAVE APPROACHED IRANIANS SHORTLY AFTER COUP FOR ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING TO SEYCHELLES TO RALLY HIS SUPPORTERS. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THIS APPROACH WAS SUCCESSFUL, BUT MANCHAM DID HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH SOME IRANIAN INTERESTS WITH INVESTMENTS IN SEYCHELLES AND MAY LOOK TO THESE SOURCES (AND TO SAUDI CONTACTS) FOR SUPPORT OF ANY SUBSEQUENT COUNTERCOUP EFFORTS. CHRISTOPHER

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